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Too good not to share: Ted Peters of the Pacific Lutheran Seminary has advised that Western society ". . . is so preoccupied with the consumption of goods and services that even religion may become another commodity, like the packaged tour to an exotic island."

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Seems there is a slight rift between the theology of Oral Roberts and that of Carl McIntire. Roberts said he had a vision of Jesus as 900 feet tall. McIntire says "no decent Christian" could believe that. McIntire has his tape measure out?

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The Temple of Bacchus in Wells, Maine, has been closed. When, as a restaurant, it was denied a food license, it opened the temple, named after the Roman god of wine and revelry, and offered "spiritual feasts" for \$15 each. A court issued a permanent injunction against serving meals until it gets its restaurant license. Wonder how many mission churches would become self-supporting if its communicants put \$15 in the offertory at every Sunday's spiritual feast?

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Much concern has been expressed about the appearance of a new Prayer Book which caused so much ferment in the Episcopal Church. Wonder what turbulence was fomented when Moses brought the doctrinal edicts from Sinai to the people of Israel? And engraved in stone!

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A recent survey of college students conducted by the Carnegie Council on Policy Studies in Higher Education revealed that most college students believe that the United States will definitely be a worse place to live during the next ten years. The students also believed that each one of them would find a high-paying job and live in an expensive house. Like having a first-class ticket on the Titanic.

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